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SUBJECT: MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP

1. ON SEPTEMBER 22, INDIAN EMBASSY HERE (DIXIT) REQUESTED THAT AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP MEET IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 30. WE WERE TOLD INDIANS PLAN TO SEND SPECIAL DELEGATION FOR MEETING, INCLUDING MINAG FERTILIZER DEPT. SECRETARY FERNANDES, MINAG JOINT SECRETARY ANNA GEORGE, AS WELL AS ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND FCI.

2. WORKING SWIFTLY IN RESPONSE TO INDIAN INITIATIVE, USDA HAS AGREED TO MEET INDIAN REQUEST AND IS PREPARING MEANINGFUL ONE DAY PROGRAM FOR INDIANS. MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED ON OUR SIDE BY USDA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND WILL INCLUDE SPECIALISTS IN SUCH AREAS AS FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES, AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, ETC.

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3. WE HAVE INFORMED INDIANS OF ABOVE TODAY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC TOPICS OR ISSUES INDIANS PLAN TO RAISE.

4. EMBASSY WILL RECALL PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING FIRST FLOATED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BILLER IN

CONVERSATION WITH DIXIT JULY 29 (SEE STATE 182139). ROBINSON

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